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of  
BENJAMIN EVERETT CARUTHERS  
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
OF  
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J. Henry Caruthers, the author of this booklet is the present Judge of the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas, and the author of the Monograph entitled "History of the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas," published in 1944. He was born at Yount, Perry County, Missouri, educated in the public schools and the Southeast Missouri State College at Cape Girardeau. After teaching several years he studied law and was admitted to the Bar by



Mrs. J. Henry Caruthers

the Supreme Court of Missouri in 1910. Was elected Prosecuting Attorney of his County in 1912, and served continuously until the end of 1921, when he was appointed Assistant Attorney General of Missouri by Attorney General Jesse W. Barrett, of St. Louis, Missouri. He served there more than five years, then resigned and entered the practice of Law in St. Louis and remained there until 1934, when he returned to Cape Girardeau and resumed the practice of Law there. In 1934 he was appointed United States Commissioner for the Eastern District of Missouri, and resigned in 1940, after his election to the office of Judge as above stated, and is now serving his third term of four years each, on that Court.



## Preface

Excerpts from the Introduction of the book "Records of the Caruthers Family," compiled by A. Stanley Caruthers, F. S. A. (Scot.)

Research relating to the origin of a family, or as to the meaning of surname, is always interesting and the Carruthers family provides no exception to this statement. The name is Celtic in origin and is formed from the words *Caer-Rhydderch* (The Fort of Ruther). The question immediately arises as to who was Ruther? \*\*\*\*

Ruther, called "The Liberal," figures prominently in the legends woven around St. \_\_\_\_\_ (or St. Mingo) and appears to have been the leader of a small section of the Britons of Strathclyde, who still maintained Christian relations, although following the withdrawal of the Romans, the majority of the Celts reverted to their original cults.

In the year 573 a decisive battle was fought at Arthuret near Long Town, between the Christian and non-Christian forces, resulting in a victory for the former with the result that the capitol was removed from Carlisle to Alclyt, or Dumbarton, known to the Gaels as *Dun Brethan*. The interesting feature of this engagement, however, lies in the fact that for some time before the conflict of the Christian tribes, led by Ruther, may have been established in the ancient earthwork on a hill, in the modern parish of Middlebie, which later became *Caer-Ruther*. (It is possible to trace the remains of an encampment on the hill above the farm of Carruthers at the present day.)

Tradition ascribes a Celtic origin to the Carruthers family, but decisive proof is lacking. \*\*\*

It is impossible to trace the ancestry of the family to Ruther and likewise it cannot even be stated from which of the races the family was derived. At the time that surnames came into use in Scotland, i. e. during the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries, the family living at Carruthers undoubtedly adopted it as its surname and accordingly the race to which the "first Carruthers" belonged cannot be ascertained. It is interesting to notice that at a comparatively early date the name is to be found in England in the counties of Cumberland, Durham and Yorkshire. Whilst in Scot-



land the commonest and most used spelling was Carruthers (with slight variations), in England it became disguised as Carrothers, Carrodus and Cruddas (in Yorkshire), Croudace (in Durham). There were many other variations in the spelling, and it is interesting to speculate as to the reason that caused the name to cross the Border. In this book no attempt has been made to trace any early England branch of the family, and research has been confined to the Carruthers families dwelling in Dumfriesshire. Not only is the origin of a family interesting, but in order properly to understand its history, it is necessary to know something of the conditions and customs which prevailed in the country or district in which the family dwelt.

The Carruthers Clan originated within Annandale, and were chiefly located at Manswald and Holmaines and numerous other adjacent places. This district was situated in what was known as the West March of Scotland. \*\*\*

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James Carruthers and his wife, Christinia Jardine, had eight children, seven sons, and one daughter who died unmarried.

His eldest son, John, emigrated to the United States in 1851, and has descendants in that country. Three of his other sons left issue, and are represented by families in Carlisle, Barrow, Purley (Surrey) and elsewhere. For full particulars of the descendants of these families see Genealogical charts "Laughholm," "Carlisle" and "Barrow."

#### **Early American Settlers and Prominent Descendants**

(Colonial Research Bureau, Washington, D. C.)

There is a tradition in the family that one branch had emigrated from Scotland to the English Colonies in America. One James Caruthers and his wife lived in Scotland. Tradition says they went to the north of Ireland during the unsettled, troubled times in Scotland in the early part of the eighteenth century. Four of their children emigrated to the colony of Pennsylvania in the year 1767. There may have been others, of which there is no account given.

John, Sarah, James and Andrew Carruthers settled first in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. It is thought that John and Robert Carruthers, who came to the Colony of Pennsylvania about the same time, and afterwards moved to North Carolina, were uncles of the four who came in 1765, but this is

explosion, James recognized his brother Robert, notwithstanding the lampblack on his face, and in a low voice which was not heard by any one else said to him, "You'll rue this Bob." Robert Caruthers, who was one of the Regulators before the troubles really assumed a belligerent attitude between England and the colonies, was a partisan officer during the Revolutionary War, and a man of great courage and enterprise. This Robert Caruthers is thought by some to have been the uncle of Andrew, who married Margaret Neely in Pennsylvania. Robert and wife, Margaret Gillespie, were among the first settlers of the Middle region of North Carolina. They had a son, Robert, who married Elizabeth Patillo. He was a captive in the Continental Army. He moved from Burke County, North Carolina to Columbia, Tennessee in 1812. He died there in 1828.

Samuel Caruthers, married Jane (Elizabeth?) Looney in Sullivan County, Tennessee. He died near Dixon Springs, Smith County, Tennessee, in 1810. They had four children: (1) David Looney Caruthers, born Nov. 30, 1795, married and settled in Missouri. He died Feb. 10, 1844. (More about him and his family later); (2) Judge Abraham Caruthers; (3) Elizabeth Caruthers; (4) Judge Robert Looney Caruthers, a son, Samuel, and he had a son, Smith, who married Jennie Grey Ridley of Elkton, Kentucky.

Reverend James Caruthers, born in 1767, lived in Rowan County, North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Lawrence. She was born in 1772. He died in 1861. They had issue: (1) Reverend Eli W., born in 1793, died in 1865; (2) Elizabeth; (3) John, born in 1807, married M. Knight; They lived in Rockey Springs, North Carolina in 1883.

Thomas Maskell Caruthers, born February 1, 1813, was a son of Richard and Eleanor (Findley) Caruthers. He was by trade a carpenter and resided in Alleghaney (now Pittsburgh) Pennsylvania. He was married to Margaret Lowrie, July 3, 1838. He died on June 9, 1855. They had issue: (1) George, born June 24, 1839, died Apr. 28, 1906; he married Apr. 2, 1867, Elmina Smith Burrows; They had: (a) Charles, born September 15, 1861, married Mary Wheeler, 1890. They resided at New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

John Franklin Bruce Carruthers, educator, was born in Fort Scott, Kansas, August 31, 1889, the son of James B. and Anna (Wood) Carruthers. He married Mabel Grandin of Washington, D. C. July 9, 1919. They had issue: (1) John; (2) Jane; (3) Priscilla; (4) Mabel Carruthers.

not authentic. John Caruthers, brother of Sarah, James and Andrew, was in the French and Indian Wars and was severely wounded in one engagement. He afterwards held an important position under the provincial Governor of Pennsylvania. His children were: (1) Mary; (2) Isabella; (3) Sarah; (4) Eleanor. Many of the name live in Pennsylvania and all over the western country.

James and Andrew were twins, so much alike that their mother could only distinguish one from the other by looking on the forehead of one for a small mark just in the edge of his hair. They married sisters. James married Nancy Neely and Andrew married Margaret Neely.

James Caruthers, was born in 1739. He was in the French and Indian Wars and fought bravely in the Colonial Army. He was in General Armstrong's command at the battle of Kittanning Point. Nancy Neely, his wife, died in 1776. James later married Abigail Henderson of Baltimore, Maryland. Children by Nancy: (1) Sarah; (2) James, married Mary Fitzsimmons of South Carolina in 1800; They had: (a) Nancy (b) Patrick, born in 1802, married Betsy Barr and had a son, Robert, who lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, and he had a son, Thomas, a lawyer, in New Port, Kentucky; (3) John married Mary Boal; he lived in Danville, Virginia; (4) Samuel, born in 1775, married Ann Zimmerman; he died in 1858.

Andrew Caruthers or Carothers, brother of James, was born in 1739 and died in Union District, South Carolina, in 1826. The Andrew Caruthers family moved from Carlisle, Pennsylvania to Cabarrus County, North Carolina before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. Andrew was a soldier in the Continental Army and served throughout the war, being severely wounded. Children: (1) John, born March 19, 1775 in Cabarrus County, North Carolina; he married Mary Hope, Nov. 22, 1803; (2) Andrew Meek, born in 1818, lived in Starkville, Mississippi; he married Martha Caldwell; (3) William Washington, born in 1819, graduated at Princeton College; he married Mary Saddler and lived in Alabama; (4) Thomas Leander, was born in 1821; he married Mary Miller.

Among the so-called "Black Boys" of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, who destroyed the powder of General Waddell during the Regulation War, which took place five years before the Declaration of Independence, there were two brothers concerned, but on opposite sides. They were Robert and James Caruthers. Robert is said to have made the train for blowing up the kegs of powder. Amidst the hurry and bustle of their preparation for the



## DISCOVERY OF RELATIVES OF BENJAMN EVERETT CARUTHERS

My father, James Wade Caruthers, died on May 31, 1888, and my mother followed him in death on October 24, 1889, leaving five children, four boys and one girl. I (the writer) was the oldest, a few months past 9 years. A kindly aunt, Mary Jane Yount, a sister of my mother, and her husband took the three older ones, two boys and the girl, my maternal grandmother took the next younger one, a boy, and an uncle, Joseph H. Caruthers, a brother of my father, took the youngest one, also a boy.

As young children we were not conscious of relatives other than those we came in contact with in our daily lives. After reaching manhood I had a dim recollection of having seen and visited my grandmother Caruthers at her home, but of course never saw my grandfather, since he died several years prior to my birth.

In recent years I decided to make a search for and accumulate such information as I could find relating to grandfather Caruthers' ancestors. I had heard that he and his then family came from middle Tennessee, near Lafayette, to Missouri.

My main lead for information was procured from three photographs. Aunt Rosie Caruthers, widow of my uncle Joseph H. Caruthers, then living at the home of her married daughter, Stella Caruthers Lewis, Libertyville, Missouri, gave me three pictures, previously given to uncle Joe by his first cousin, Byron Haywood Caruthers of Lafayette, Tennessee, when the latter was on a visit to uncle Joe's home at Yount, Perry County, Missouri. Haywood had one child, a son named Haskell. One photograph was that of Haywood and his wife, Mahaley Adeline, and the other two were of female children, one a small baby about a year old and the other child about twelve years old. On the back of the photo of the older child was written: "Ame Elmer Caruthers, daughter of Haskal Caruthers, Lafayette, Tennessee." On the back of the baby picture was noted: "Lener Fay Caruthers, dauter of Hascal Caruthers of Lafayette, Tenn."

Acting on this information I wrote the following letter:

Cape Girardeau, Missouri, November 14, 1949. Mr. Hascal Caruthers, Lafayette, Tenn. Dear Mr. Caruthers: Your name

was given to me by my Aunt Rosie Caruthers, the widow of my Uncle Joseph H. Caruthers, who died Feb. 23, 1930, at his home in Perry County, Missouri. I am told that your father was Haywood Caruthers and a nephew of my Grandfather, B. E. Caruthers, who came to Missouri from Lafayette, Tennessee around 1860 or possibly later. I am trying to trace my grandfather's ancestry and am hoping you may be able to give me needed information in this respect. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, Sincerely yours, J. Henry Caruthers.

This letter was returned because addressee had moved away and left no forwarding address. I then wrote to the Department of Finance and Taxation, Division of Assessment, Nashville, Tennessee, the following letter:—

Cape Girardeau, Mo., December 2, 1949. I am trying to locate a relative of mine, named Hascal Caruthers. It is my understanding that he lives (or did if not now dead) in Macon County, Tenn. It occurred to me that the Tax Assessor and Collector of that County, would have his name and address on the assessment rolls. Not knowing the name of the Assessor for Macon County, I am writing your Department on the assumption that you can supply his name and address. I will greatly appreciate hearing from you. Sincerely, J. Henry Caruthers.

On Dec. 6, 1949, the Director of the Accounting Division of the Department of Finance and Taxation wrote the following letter:

Mr. W. B. Leath, Tax Assessor, Macon County, Lafayette, Tennessee. Dear Mr. Leath: We are sending you letter which we received from Honorable J. Henry Caruthers, Judge, and have advised him that you would give it the proper attention and let him hear from you. Yours very truly, Laurence J. Meiers, Director. On the bottom of this letter which was mailed to me was attached this note: Mr. J. Henry Caruthers, Dear Sir: In regard to Hascal Caruthers, his last known address to me was Scottsville, Kentucky, route unknown but living with a man by the name of Faye Rich. Hope this is correct. B. W. Leath, Assessor, Lafayette, Tenn.

On December 12, 1949, the following letter was addressed to: Mr. Hascal Caruthers, Scottsville, Kentucky. Dear Sir: I am trying to locate relatives of my Grandfather B. E. (Benjamin Everett) Caruthers, who came to Missouri, I understand, from Lafayette, Tenn., and settled prior to or about the year 1861, in Perry County. Some time between 1921 and 1925 a nephew of



Joseph Henry Caruthers  
Rosella Sutton Caruthers

my grandfather, named Haywood Caruthers came to visit my uncle Joe (J. H.) Caruthers. I lived in Jefferson City at the time and did not see him. I am told by Uncle Joe's widow, Aunt Rosie, that Haywood had a son, Hascal, living at Lafayette, Tenn. I hope you are the same Hascal Caruthers that I am now writing to, and would like to hear from you. My father died when I was about nine years old, and I never learned very much about his people, and am now trying to get all the information I can. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, Sincerely yours, J. Henry Caruthers.

The following letter replying to the above was received

promptly: — 116 So. 13th St., Zephyr Hills, Florida. Dec. 17, 1949. J. Henry Caruthers, Dear Sir: I just received a letter addressed to my father, Hascal Caruthers. I am the Granddaughter of the Haywood Caruthers you speak about. My grandfather had a brother some place in Missouri, and his name was Press. He died when I was very small, and my grandfather died Jan. 4, 1923. My father is living and is 72 years old and this Amie Elmar Caruthers you spoke about is my half-sister. She died Aug. 10, 1921. I am the Leana Fay that you spoke of. My Dad had a stroke four years ago and lost use of his right side. I really do love to hear about my grandfather's people, for he was one of the best men that ever lived. He also had a brother, Jim Caruthers, at Lafayette. He died eight or nine years ago. He has sons there now. Albert Caruthers, Lafayette, Tenn., Wade Caruthers, Lafayette; Louis Caruthers, Gallatin, Tenn., and a daughter, Mrs. Joe Dice, Oklahoma City, Okla. My grandfather had a sister who died a few years ago. Her oldest daughter is Mrs. Pearlina Sample, Lafayette, Tenn., Route 3. My father's address is 121 Partgar R. Bowling Green, Ky. He was the only child my grandfather had. I have seen pictures of uncle Press' family. Now I would like a long letter from you, and please tell me all you know and how old you are. I was born Sept. 18, 1914, and have been married fifteen years



Monday. Just my husband and me. We have no children. Would like for you to send me a picture of yourself and family. Would also like for you to come down and see me, if you want to. You are welcome. Any of my grandfather's people are welcome. Hope I have helped you a little bit. As you know I don't know so much, as I was small, only nine years old when Grandfather passed on. Now I hope you won't forget to write me a big long letter. With love, your cousin, Mrs. Fay Rich. P. S. My Grandfather had another sister who died when I was about three or four years old, and she has a daughter. Her name is Mrs. Lou Mayhew, R. 3, Bowling Green, Ky. She can tell you lots if you will write her.



Byron Haywood Caruthers  
Mahaley Adeline Caruthers

I replied to above letter as follows: Cape Girardeau, Mo., Dec. 22, 1949. Dear Cousin Lena Fay: I got your very nice letter on the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst. It surely did give me a lot of information which will be very helpful in my further investigation. This morning I mailed you under separate cover a copy of a little booklet I wrote, entitled "History of Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas." You will find my picture among former Judges of the Court in the book. I am married, and my wife, Corinne, and our two and only children are living. The older son, John Henry, is a lawyer and lives in St. Louis. He is married and has one child, a son, Robert, almost nine years old. The younger son, William Lynn, lives here in Cape Girardeau, and is in the feed business. He is married and has one child, a girl, about nine years old. Lynn is just about your age I believe, 36. John is five years older. Later I will give you more details about the family. I can see from your letter that you are a real Southern Lady, evidenced by your invitation to visit you at any time. We would be delighted to visit you and your husband in your home. We never get very far from home, but if we should at any time drive to Florida we will surely try to see you. Is your father able to go about and talk with people? I want to make a trip to Lafayette, Tenn., and other near

by places next Spring and would like to have a visit with him. I wrote yesterday to Mrs. Lou Mayhew as you suggested, and sent her one of my booklets also. Wishing you and your husband a Merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year, I am, Sincerely your cousin, J. Henry Caruthers.

The following letter came in reply to mine last above: Zephyr Hills, Fla., Jan. 11, 1950. Dear Cousin: Guess by now you thought I wasn't aiming to answer your letter. Thanks for the little book. And I must say you are the first one of my Grandfather's relation who looked anything like he did. You look so much like him. You asked if my father could talk to any one. Yes, but since he had his stroke he cries so much when you try to talk to him. It has been almost three years since I have seen him. Did you hear from Mrs. Mayhew? I hope you did for I know she can tell you more than anybody. Do you know if my Grandfather had people in Perryville, Mo.? It seems to me that I used to write to Clara Caruthers at Perryville, Mo. I forget for sure if that was the address or not. She had a sister named Stella, one named Mabel. I know they were related to my Grandfather. He has another relative, Mrs. Minnie Janer, Mill Spring, Mo. Do you know them? I saw her one time. She has a big family. I don't think I told you that Uncle Jim had another boy at Lafayette, Tenn., Route 3, Paton Caruthers. I understand there are some Caruthers at Bushell, Fla. I don't know whether they are relatives of ours or not.

Well I hope this finds all O.K. I have been in bad health for two years. Had a serious operation Jan. 5, 1949, for Gall Stones, had over five hundred taken out. Gall Bladder had a spinal involvement, and so I don't get over it fast. I am still weak from it and don't have any too much use of my hips any more. But sooner or later we all give down. I am awful nervous and sometimes don't feel like writing. We have two houses and lots here, and have a store in the house we live in. It is nice here and so warm. I guess it is cold there. Well I will close for now. So answer and a long letter. Love, Mrs. Sampson Rich.

## SOME KENTUCKY and TENNESSEE CARUTHERS

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Dec. 21, 1949. Mrs. Lou Mayhew, R. No. 3, Bowling Green, Ky. Dear Mrs. Mayhew: Several days ago, in search of information about my Grandfather B. E. (Benjamin Everett) Caruthers, I wrote Hascal Caruthers a letter, in care of Fay Rich, Scottsville, Ky., which was forwarded to him (her) at Zephyr Hills, Fla. Yesterday I had a nice long letter from his daughter, Leana Fay. She told me you were the daughter of a sister of her grandfather Haywood Caruthers. In other words a niece of Haywood, and could tell me a lot about your family. I understand Haywood Caruthers was a nephew of my Grandfather, B. E. Caruthers. Is that correct? I have examined Grandfather Caruthers' old family Bible, and it shows that B. E. Caruthers was born Aug. 5, 1823, and that his wife, Sarah D. Stewart Caruthers, was born June 3, 1823. They had eleven children. My father was named James Wade Caruthers, and was born Mar. 18, 1852; died May 31, 1888 leaving four boys and one girl. I am the oldest and was seventy Sept. 11, 1949. I would like to have the names of the parents of Grandfather Caruthers, the place they were born and lived; the State, County and Post Office address; the names of their children, living and dead, if any are living; where the children settled when they left home, and the names of their children, if you know. Leana said her grandfather, Haywood, had a brother, Jim, who died 8 or 9 years ago, leaving Albert of Lafayette, Tenn., and Wade of the same address; Louis of Gallatin, Tenn., and a daughter, Mrs. Dice, of Oklahoma City. I am especially interested in my Grandfather's ancestry. I suspect they came originally from North Carolina. Grandfather came to Missouri around 1864, and bought land the same year. Any information you can give along this line will be highly appreciated.

I am Judge of the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas, and in the ninth year on the bench. Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of my booklet, entitled "History of the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas," which contains my picture and that of the Court House. An addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for use in mailing your answer. Most sincerely yours, J. Henry Caruthers.

The following letter answering the above was received: Bowling Green, Ky., R-3, Feb. 2, 1950. Dear Cousin: It was a great pleasure to hear from you and to know I had kinfolks in Mo. I



heard uncle Habe (Haywood Caruthers) speak about making a trip to see his cousin, and I heard my Mother speak of her Uncle Ben. She had a brother Ben, and in all there were eleven children in my Grandfather's family. His name was John. My Grandfather was a brother of your Grandfather. My Mother and all of her brothers and sisters are dead. She died July 19, 1918. She lacked one month to a day being 72 years old. She married George W. Spears, July 11, 1865, at the close of the Civil War. They had three children, all girls. I am the oldest. Yesterday, February 1, I was 83 years old. My sister that I am staying with will be 81 in March. We are widows. Her husband has been dead three years, and my husband has been dead seventeen years last July. I lived by myself fourteen years. When my brother-in-law died, I stayed with my sister. She has a good farm and well fixed up with most all conveniences. We have electricity in the house and at the feed barn, and Butane Gas to heat three rooms and a gas range.

Well I will tell you more about our family. My youngest sister has been dead 18 years. She had three children, one boy and two girls. My sister Attie, that is the one I stay with, had one boy, named Roy. He married and they had one little girl four years old, named Alene, when her father died. He went over on Barren River fishing and was setting trot lines when he stepped off in a hole of water fifteen feet deep. He could not swim and he drowned. He was only 23 years old. That was 35 years ago. So his only girl is the only grandchild Attie has. She has lived to see her fifth generation.

Well I will tell you more about our folks. Both of my sisters married Burnetts who were brothers. Since you wrote me I have written Paton Caruthers. He is Uncle Jim's oldest boy and lives in Macon County (Tenn.) where he was raised. He couldn't tell me anything. Well something I wanted to ask you: did you know my Mother's brothers who lived in Missouri? Uncle Press and Uncle Wess and Aunt Sarah Spooner. The uncles lived not far from Neosho, and my Aunt lived in Webb City.

Tell me about your home and what part of Missouri you live in. I would be so glad to know all of your family. The more I look at your picture, the more I see you favor Uncle Habe (Haywood), that is what his folks called him. I wrote to Lena Fay Rich. She wrote back and said she thought you were so much like her Grandpa. We all thought so much of our Uncle Habe. We still miss him. He died in 1923. Haskell (Hascal) lives in Bowling Green, 12 miles from where I stay. Fay told me you was

aiming to visit in Lafayette, Tennessee, this next summer. I hope to live to see you. When you think you will come write me so I can tell you how to come to Attie's place. Paton lives on the Scottsville and Lafayette road. His address is W. P. Carothers, R-3, Lafayette, Tenn. His initials are the same as Uncle Press'.

Well I have been a long time answering your letter, but my eyes have gone weak on me. I had to give up reading the paper. I sure do enjoy reading letters. I get so many from my home County. I was born and raised in Simpson County (Ky.) I now live in Warren County (Ky.).

Hoping to hear from you soon, I will close with love and respect to you and family. Thanks for the book and the nice letter. I have so many friends in Simpson County and get so much mail from my folks over there. It is so dark I will have to close.

Friday, Feb. 3". Well I guess you will see that I don't know when to quit writing. That is the way I am about talking. I quit when I go to sleep. I would like for you to write me as often as you can spare the time. Be sure to tell me about your family and about your home. I suppose you live in a city or a town.

Well Fay is Haskell's oldest girl by his last wife. She is 35 years old, a nice looking woman but in bad health. Well tell me if your town is under water. Lots of roads are closed because of high water. There was a land slide from Muldraigh Hill 30 miles south of Louisville. Stopped the trains for several hours. We had 24 days of rain in January and 1" and 2" of this month. Today is clear and cold. We haven't had enough snow to cover the ground. I will ask you to pardon me for waiting so long to answer your letter. I have been sick part of the time.

Thanking you again for the book and picture, and don't forget to write me. Hoping to see you this year. With best wishes, Lou.

In reply to the above I sent Cousin Lou the following letter: Cape Girardeau, Mo., Mar. 13, 1950. Mrs. Lou Mayhew, Bowling Green, R-3, Ky. Dear Cousin: I received your nice newsy letter some time ago, and really intended to answer right away, but so many things came up for attention that I was delayed. You have given much information that I have been seeking and I assure you I appreciate it very much. I want to congratulate you upon reaching your 83" birthday on Feb.-1" and being so active and alert.

You asked if I knew your Mother's brothers, Uncle Press and Uncle Wess, and her sister, Aunt Sarah Spooner. I have never

met them but have heard that some Tennessee or Kentucky Caruthers lived around Neosho, but did not know we were related until you told me. I live in Southeast Missouri, 130 miles south of St. Louis, and 190 miles North of Memphis, right on the Mississippi River. From my office in the Court House and from the Judge's bench, I can look across the river and far out over the State of Illinois. Cape Girardeau has a population of around 25,000. Our home is a two story six room frame house, located just across the street from the Southeast Missouri State College for training teachers. I entered this school in 1897.

When we come over to Kentucky I will have some pictures of our house and my family to show you. I am trying to arrange our court work so I can get away about April 15". However, I will let you know definitely later. You write such a newsy, chatty letter that I am not surprised that you have a large correspondence. Our family was all together this week-end. John, Ann and Bob came down from their home in St. Louis, and Lynn, Eileen and Sharon live here in Cape Girardeau. John is 43, Lynn is 38; Sharon will be nine in April, and Bob will be nine in May, six weeks apart. John is practicing law and Lynn operating a feed and hardware store.

Can you give me the name of my Grandfather's father, and where he lived, and if he came to Tennessee from another state, and if he did which one? Also the names of Grandfather's brothers and sisters and their home addresses during their life time. I want to write this all up in a permanent record for my family and relatives. I shall always be glad to hear from you, and am looking forward to seeing you in the near future. I am, very sincerely yours, J. Henry Caruthers.

The following letter was received in reply to the above: Bowling Green, Ky, R-3-April 5, 1950. Dear Cousin: Received your nice letter a few days ago. I was so glad to hear from you again. We are looking forward and hoping you will visit us by the 15". Are you going to see Haskell at Bowling Green? He lives about 12 miles from my sister's place which is near Matlock Store, South. Will you go to see Haskell before coming to see us? I will tell you one thing more. I expect you will find Haskell in bad shape as to money affairs. He has been married twice, and has a crippled girl living with him, and four girls married. He has had a paralytic stroke, and I don't know if he is better or not. I haven't seen him for ten years, and I don't know where he lives.





James Wade Caruthers Sarah Elizabeth Caruthers

I wrote to Paton Caruthers yesterday and I aim to write to Fay to tell her you are planning on a visit to us. She won't be able to come as she is in bad health. So glad you told us about your children and your home. We are getting too old to think about making long trips, and we are glad to have our folks to visit us. I am sure you will like my sister's granddaughter. She is good to us and has many friends.

Well as this is a cold day and cloudy I won't write much this time. My eyes are weak. Hoping you and your family are well. We are still able to cook and eat. With best wishes to you and be sure to come to see us. There are but few of us now. Write soon if you can't come. With love and respect to all. Your cousin, Lou.

The above letter was answered as follows:

Cape Girardeau, Mo., May 3, 1950. Dear Cousin: My wife and I are planning on going to see you on Monday May 15, if nothing occurs to prevent. We will go to Bowling Green on Sunday May 14, and stay at a Hotel there, and try to get to your home about 10:00 a. m. Monday, if this time is convenient for you. If not we can come later. Of course we will make our headquarters at the hotel. Sincerely yours, J. Henry Caruthers.

The answer to the above is as follows: Bowling Green, Ky., May 7, 1950. Dear Cousin & Wife: Received your welcome letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I was so glad to hear you was aiming to make us a visit the 15th. I am trusting you will get to come. I can't hardly wait for the time to come. I will write to Paton Caruthers and his family and let them know. They are fine people. I have been slow about

answering your letter as I had a bad rising on my finger on the right hand. It is getting better. Tell your wife that I have planted my flower seed and they are up. I have plenty left for her if she likes flowers. You may not see Haskell, as I have heard that he and his crippled girl were in some home. I don't know just where. Well if you think you will have any trouble finding where we live go to the Court House and ask the County Clerk where the J. W. Burnett farm is. I think it is about 12 miles south of Bowling Green on the Matlock road. We live in sight of the Matlock store. You will come to my sister's house first, on the side of the road, then Alene's house is close to the store on the left. She is the only grand-child Attie has. She had one boy and she has two great-granddaughters. She has seen her fifth generation, and she is 81 years old. Her boy and her husband are both dead.

Well I must close for this time as my eyes are getting weak. We are trusting that you will come. It has been such a pleasure and a satisfaction for us to know we have more of our Mother's people. Love to all. Hope to see you soon. Lou.

I forgot to tell you the Clerk's name. It is Oval Motley. He knows Carlyle Miller, Alene's husband, and is such a fine fellow. I believe you will like him, and I hope you can find the way. Alene has a telephone but we don't. Later: Alene has come in and told me to tell you to come from Bowling Green on 31W to Woodburn. It is only four miles from where Attie lives. So many roads lead into the Matlock road you can't miss the way from Woodburn. If you come by Woodburn you will know when you get to the store. You can see Attie's House. It is north of the store. You can find the way alright. Alene said it is a better way for you to come on the highway.

Our next letter from cousin Lou follows: June 7, 1950. Dear Cousins: After much delay I will try to answer your most appreciated letter (we did not keep a copy of it) that I ever received. I am so glad to hear from both. I just read and read them over. Hoping you both are well and enjoying life. I have been sick since you were here, and I had the worst rising on my finger I ever had. The nail came off and it is tender yet. I couldn't write as it was on my right hand. Hope you will excuse all mistakes I have made.

I was too thrilled with your visit I can't find words to express my joy to Cousin Henry for trying to find his ancestors. It seems that the Lord gave us this way to find our people. I am sorry I couldn't give you more information. Had we been in touch with

each other all these years it would have been so much pleasure and satisfaction. All I know was what my Mother told me when I was a child. She said her Uncle Ben Caruthers went to Missouri and never came back. Uncle Haywood went to see his Cousin( my Uncle Joe) while he lived. We were so sorry you couldn't make a longer visit, for we had planned to go places, and everything we had to eat, things we called a rarity we saved for you both. Attie had Alene to bake a nice cake to eat with peaches. One of my Simpson County friends and neighbors gave me two cans of peaches. I had the best neighbors in the world or I couldn't have lived by myself fourteen years. I don't mind telling you that I am proud of having been born and reared in Simpson County. I had lived at my home for over 52 years. There is no place like home.

Well Alene has company today. She cooked dinner for them; Carlyle's Mother and Cousin. His Cousin don't live close to Bowling Green. Carlyle went to the Kentucky Lake last Saturday night to fish. He got back Sunday. He has his tobacco crop set and it has been harrowed and is growing fast. A colored man is plowing corn today with a tractor. Carlyle and part of the hands are baling hay. Some have gone to grind feed on a Hammer Mill. One of his hands has gone to sell a load of hay. He has eight hands hired.

Well we have a pretty garden; beans and tomatoes blooming; soon will have plenty of Irish potatoes. Alene has radishes; we had a few strawberries. There has been the largest shipment of berries for several years in Warren and Simpson Counties. Alene bought a case of capped berries last week to put in the locker. We will have beets to can right soon. Carlyle will have to cut or combine his wheat in this month. He has had about all of the barn roofs painted lately and they look nice. Well I will have to quit and rest my eyes.

(Later) I am back again. Alene came with Carlyle's Aunt. The Aunt lives in Missouri or some other State. Mrs. Miller lives in Bowling Green. Both are in their eighties and are fine women. Well Alene had to carry them back to Bowling Green, and I will finish my letter for her to mail for me tomorrow. We try to send our mail off twice a week. I must say to you Cousin Corinne I planted some of your flower seed and they are up.

Hoping and trusting the good Lord will spare us to meet again. I write this to both of you. With love to both of you and your children. Lou.



As soon as I feel able I aim to go and have my pictures made for you. Alene is about through with her Spring cleaning. I will try to mail Paton's book to him this week. Cousine Corinne you write such sweet letters.

June 22, 1950, Dear Cousins Henry and Corinne: It is a great pleasure for me to be able to write you after so much delay, hoping you both are well and enjoying life. We are still able to cook our meals, but we have sick spells. Well I must tell you I went to Franklin on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month and had my pictures made for you to put in your book. I was so hurt about them; I said I would have some more made; they might look better; every one would tell me they are just like you; I wanted them to look better. When Attie gets able we might have some made. I will send some of them to both of you and to the boys.

Well it rains here most every day or night. Carlyle got all his clover hay cut and baled and in the barn. It didn't rain for about four days but since then it has rained several days. The garden looks good and we are having cabbage and beans; radishes and soon will have beets and new potatoes. Alene and Carlyle still have plenty of chickens in the locker. Last week Carlyle bought eleven more. Any time you can come they will have fried chicken and fresh hog meat out of the locker. They bought a crate of strawberries capped to put in the locker.

Well I will tell you more about Carlyle's work; he has about eight hands hired all the time; he got his barley combined and put in the barn before this rainy spell. His tobacco is all set and has been worked several times; the wheat will soon be ready to cut. Do you have a good garden? We have nearly three rows of tomatoes; they are blooming. I have a few flowers in bloom. I planted some of the Marigold seed you gave me and they are growing fast. Did I give you any cypress seed? If not tell me and I will save some for you. Well I am still rejoicing to think that I have such wonderful kinfolks; it just makes one want to live longer. I am looking forward to you both for a visit this Fall, and don't wait until cold bad weather. Alene will want to carry you both several places. My eyes are weak; I must close with lots of love to all of you. Your Cousin, Lou.

(Later) Thursday June 22, in the afternoon. As I have eaten my dinner I feel like I could write some more. We have had another rain since noon, but the sky is almost clear again. I get so home sick to see my home; I had such good neighbors in Simpson County,

the place I was born and raised. If I didn't have such good friends I couldn't stay here satisfied; every one was so good and kind to me. I stayed by myself 14 years and that shows I was cared for; and I would be at home today if I had some one to stay with me; don't ever leave your home to live with different ones; your children would be good to you but others might not.

I will tell Cousin Henry about how many bales there were of that clover in front of the house; one of the boys that works here told me this morning that there were 474 bales. Well as you see I don't have any interesting news; both of you can think of so much more to write than I can. I have had a letter from Paton Caruthers lately. Will write more next time. Write soon. Lou.

Thursday evening after 5 o'clock. Dear Cousins: Alene has just come in with my mail. I was so overjoyed to get your letters; I had just fixed the pictures to mail tomorrow so I won't write very much more. We were all so glad to hear from you both. No I never had any children, but I love children; my youngest sister had two girls and a boy; Attie had one boy and one grandchild. Alene has gone home to write some and send some pictures. We will try to have more made for you and your boys. With love and best wishes; so glad you can tell me more about our Cousin. Tell me when is your birthday.

Here is Alene's letter Cousin Lou mentioned above: Bowling Green, Ky. June 23, 1950. Dear Cousins: Just a few lines to tell you I received your nice letter and hope you plan to visit us again in near future. I am sending the snap shots I made when you were here. I think they are rather good. The background sure looks like the wide open spaces doesn't it? I have meant to send them before now but have just neglected doing it. Aunt Lou is sending her picture I believe. I think it is so funny; she told the man to take the wrinkles out of her face. She says he did and put them around her mouth. She has had us all laughing about them. She can be quite witty at times. Hope this finds you both well. Sincerely, Alene Miller. P. S. Are you folks having any rain? It is getting to be rather serious here. It has rained so much it is damaging the crops badly. It is the most peculiar rain I ever saw fall this time of year. It seems to come from all directions at once. It really is hard on corn and small grain crops.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1950. Dear Cousins: After so much delay I will answer your last letter which I received in July. I am sorry to tell you I have been sick for nearly three weeks; and I fell out in the

yard and hurt my leg; my finger is well but now I have a risin on my big toe; my foot and leg have been swollen so I haven't had my shoe on since last Saturday. I sit in the house bare footed, and wear my overshoes when I go out on the ground. I feel some better today as my toe bursted last night. You will think I am like a child to tell all about my ailments. I think I am in my second childhood days. There was a revival meeting close to us for two weeks and closed last Sunday. I went two or three times at the first of the meeting, then I got sick; went back last Saturday evening; came back and had a sick spell. We are doing very well at present; I am taking a new kind of medicine now, it is called Hadacol. Has that reached Missouri yet?

To Cousin Henry: Wednesday, Aug. 2". Since Alene has brought the mail to me she saw I had a paper from Cousin Henry and stayed to look at that beautiful scenery; we all were so delighted, nothing suits me better. She then carried her Mother back to Bowling Green; she works there. Alene said she had sent you some of the pictures we had made. If I get able I will have some more made for you and Cousin Corinne. Attie aims to have some pictures made for you if she don't take the hay fever; she usually takes it about the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month; she has had it for over thirty years. Well Cousin Henry I wish you could see Carlyle's red clover; it is in full bloom now and is so pretty. He cut it and the vetch for hay and now he aims to cut this to thresh for seed. Everything looks so pretty here; Carlyle's tobacco is in bloom; soon will do to cut; he is carrying on lots of work; making money and spending it too. I will have to rest my eyes. Hoping to see both of you soon and thanking you for that beautiful scenery. Love to both, Your Cousin, Lou.

(Later) To Cousin Corinne: Aug. 2. Well Cousin Corinne, I thought I would write Cousin Henry a letter so he wouldn't feel slighted, and I thought he would like that better to hear about Carlyle's work, and I will write you about my flowers; They are so pretty; it rained all through July and it rained yesterday and today. Do you have a garden? We are having plenty of tomatoes and cabbage; and the roasting ears are plentiful in the cornfield; the beetles have ruined the beans. I am hoping you are having plenty of rain. You asked me about the flowers in the yard. We don't have any; Attie don't love flowers. I have mine in the garden. Well Cousin Corinne do you think you and Cousin Henry will get to come back to see us again this Fall? Don't put it off too late till the days get so short. I hope to feel better the next time I write.





James W. Caruthers

I must close for this time as my eyes are getting weak. I sure did enjoy reading your letter. I will write more next. Hoping to hear from you both soon. With love, as ever your cousin, Lou.

On an undated day in Sept. 1950, I wrote this letter: Dear Cousin Lou: We have finally set a date for another visit to you dear folks. Our present plan is to leave here Sunday, Sept. 24, and this time go to Franklin, Ky., as it will be closer to Lafayette, Tenn. I want to go to Lafayette to examine the County Deed records, marriage records and probate court records, and see what I can find relating to my Grandfather's family and ancestors. We would like to have some information about a comfortable Hotel or Motel at or near Franklin, and I am sure Carlyle will know and can tell us about these. Corinne and I do not want you to make any preparation for meals for us. We feel that would be an imposition on you and we would just not think of doing that. We plan on having you, Cousin Attie, Alene and Carlyle as our guests for some meals while we are there. The details will be worked out after our arrival. We plan on spending Monday and Tuesday there and return on Wednesday. It will likely require the better part of a day to examine the County Records. Take good care of yourselves. Very sincerely, Your Cousin, Henry.

In reply to the above the following letter was received: Sept. 13, 1950. Dearest Cousins: Received your most welcome and expected letter last Friday, and all of us are so glad that we will be honored with another visit from our new kinfolks.. Oh of all these years that have gone by that we could have enjoyed, by not

knowing of our relation. But at least it can still be a comfort to know each other. We will count the days till you come; we will want you to stay as long as you can and make yourselves welcome, and feel as you would at home. Alene won't listen to you going to a Hotel. She has a new bed room suit and everything to match. She said she was going to write you and send Attie's pictures. Attie has the hay fever in a light form, but only missed cooking her breakfast one time. Be sure to write us again before you start. Alene and Carlyle have plenty fat young roosters, which they will have killed and put in the locker at Franklin. They have plenty to eat, fresh hog meat too.

Well it is cloudy and cool today. It rains nearly every day; The burly tobacco is damaged so it looks like a hail storm had struck it. Lots of hay has rotted.

Well I must tell you about Paton Caruthers; I wrote him yesterday that you were coming and would start the 24<sup>th</sup>. Paton and Arlie, his wife, are well respected; come of good families. You inquire at Haysville, Tenn., as to where Paton lives on the Haysville and Lafayette road. If I hear from them the first of next week I will write you again, but any way you be sure to come.

I will ask you to please come to Alene's to eat and sleep. She told me that so you could have such a nice new bed, and sleep better than you did at the Hotel in Bowling Green. Always remember Carlyle and Alene, for they think so much of you, and you are so welcome to both places.

My eyes have given out on me and must stop. Love from all of us to Cousin J. Henry and Cousin Corinne. Have lots to tell you. Lou. Paton's address is Lafayette, Tenn. R-3, and lives on that route.

Our next letter from Cousin Lou is as follows: Bowling Green, Ky., Oct. 4, 1950. Dearest Cousins: Received your nice and expected letter Monday; We were so glad you reached your home safely and had no accidents. Hope you are both well. We were over-joyed when you came and sad when we parted. Carlyle was as glad as we were to hear from you. No we did fine and didn't feel sick or tired. (Note: We took Cousins Attie and Lou in our car from their home to Franklin, Ky., some fourteen miles, where we were joined later by Alene and Carlyle, and all had dinner (supper) together at the Franklin Hotel. We had asked in our letter if they stood the trip well and that statement "we did fine and didn't get sick or tired" was in answer to our inquiry.) I don't know of anything that

Attie would have made a trip like that, only for you and Cousin Henry. She thinks more of you than any of our cousins here.

This is Sunday the eighth. I commenced my letter last Wednesday and my eyes gave out on me. Since then, Friday and Saturday, Alene has been gone on a trip to Louisville, visiting a friend. She will be at home today.

We had a nice rain this morning; we had such nice clear weather all last week. Well I must tell you I was so surprised when Carlyle came in yesterday with the mail and a nice package for me. I was so overjoyed to think I had so many friends to help brighten my life in my old days. I went to bed last night praising the Lord for all that has been done for me. He has given me so many true friends, and for my dear cousins; I wish we had known each other early in life so we could have visited each other. I have had a card from Allie, my niece; she saw you at Franklin; she wants to see you again. I haven't been any where since I saw you; I ain't to go to Franklin soon to pay my taxes. The boy that raised burley tobacco on my place this year cut it last week; he let the frost bite it last year; only a few rows saved and it didn't help me much. Our crop this year is good, as it was late the rain didn't hurt it. My flowers are still blooming and so pretty.

Carlyle had his roosters killed and dressed for the locker last Friday. They were as large as turkey hens; There were twelve of them. We will be so glad when Alene comes home; we miss her so much; we didn't have any company today. The sun is shining so pretty and bright this afternoon we don't feel so lonesome. We are feeling very well at present, only I still have foot trouble; my toes are sore.

To Cousin Henry: I received your letter last week and I am always glad to hear from both of you. I thought you would like to hear about Carlyle and Alene; they are well; Carlyle will soon have his new hay barn complete; it is up and has mettle around it; all the rafters on; he has four men at work on it; they commenced it last Monday; it will cost him \$1100.00 when it is finished; it is pretty and well built. Write when you have time. I am so glad to hear from you both. Your cousin, Lou.

Back to Cousin Corinne: I sure did appreciate your nice presents you sent me. Many thanks for them, and I must tell you about the cakes you sent us; they were so nice and good, we just had to let Alene and Carlyle and some of the boys have a little taste; they all thought they were so good, and different from any we ever had.



Carlyle has six boys at work for him; there is one who helps us; he was the one that ate the cookies; Attie still has part of her box. It is getting late, I must close for this time. Hoping to live to see you both again. your cousin, Lou.

Added: A few more lines; this is Tuesday, 10th. Alene arrived home Sunday night about 7 o'clock. They are well. Alene has gone to B.G. (Bowling Green) today. She gave her girl, Joan, a birthday supper last night. I think she was 18 years old. Well I must close and write a few lines to Paton and Arlie; I haven't heard from them since you were here. We live about fifty miles apart. Write when you can; I am so glad we can hear from you. With love, Your Cousin, Lou.

Added: Cousin Corinne: write me when you have time; I don't expect Cousin Henry to write so much as he is so busy, but you write when you can and tell me the news. With love and best respects to both. Your Cousin, Lou.

This is a letter from Cousin Attie's granddaughter, Alene Miller. She and her husband, Carlyle, are a very fine, kindly and hospitable couple.

Bowling Green, Kentucky, R-3 Oct. 19, 1950. Dear Cousins: I will try and write a few lines. It seems I have been in a mad whirl since you were here. I have had quite a bit of company, also spent one week-end in Louisville. So many tragic things happened close by this past week-end. A high school girl I know was killed Friday afternoon in an automobile accident. The accident was father and son. The father was in front of the son in a jeep. He made a left hand turn and didn't give a signal, and the car bumper caught in the jeep, causing the car to overturn. The boy who was driving the car is almost crazy; he feels he killed the girl.

About a mile down the road Sunday morning a boy and his uncle was ground hog hunting. They were trying to run the ground-hog out of his hole. The boy was up in the field and the uncle down at the creek. The uncle decided to walk up toward the boy up a dreen. The boy could just see the top of his grey felt hat and thought it was a ground hog, so he shot his uncle and killed him; shot the top of his head off. We read of these things and don't think too much about them, but when they happen at home it gets you. Thanks for the receipts. I haven't got to use them yet but plan to this week-end. We all enjoyed your visiting us very much and hope won't wait too long before doing so again. As I think you know, Aunt Lou and my Grandmother especially enjoyed your

coming. Did you get any information on the ancestors at Lafayette? I must close and cook dinner. Best wishes to both of you. Sincerely, Alene Miller.

Bowling Green, Nov. 1, 1950. Dearest Cousins: After so long I will now try to answer your most appreciated letter received last week. We are all so glad to hear from you both and your boys and grand children. I have been nearly sick for a week and have a bad headache this morning. Hope you are all feeling good this beautiful November morning; almost like summer, warm and clear. I am thankful there is no mud. The boys are done gathering corn. Carlyle hired a corn picker; they ran three wagons and had several hands to help. Attie and Carlyle have 68 pigs and fattening hogs; it will take plenty of corn to make them fat enough for market.

Well I must tell you about my trips; Thursday of last week I went to my home; Alene carried me; we put a lock on the smoke house door; broke back some Hawthorns and flower bushes from my kitchen windows; they grow against the window pane. Everything looks bad there; I have been away four years; all I can do is to live over the past and trust in the future.

I will write Cousin Henry a few lines. Dear Cousin: A few lines to tell you that Carlyle has his Hay barn completed; he had it wired yesterday for electricity and today he is painting the doors; it is nice, so much good room for all of his hay. He went to a cattle show last week; was gone about four days and nights; he is so busy I don't get to talk with him much; he has nearly all the room in four barns full of hay; he will have to grind out some hay to make room for his cattle.

This is Thurs. Nov. 2" Well we had a good rain today and then it turned cool; we have a fire to sit by; the temperature was 80 degrees three days last week; after the rain it turned so cold; Saturday morning we had ice; some of my flowers are still blooming. Alene's son-in-law has sold his grocery store at Woodburn and they are at Carlyle's.

Dear Cousin Corinne, I think of you both so often; it is a great consolation to know we have found cousins that love and respect us so much. I feel that I can live a better christian; so much to live for now.

Monday, Nov. 6"; tomorrow is election day. Dear Cousins, as you see I have been nearly a week writing you. Last week we

had several dark cloudy days; I had to wait for the sun to shine, and had company yesterday evening.

I must tell you about my troubles; my husband's first cousin, Mrs. Maggie Mayes, had to go to the City Hospital at Bowling Green to have an operation to remove cancer from her breast; that was last Friday week ago; she is still there; I want to go see her if I get able; she was so good to me when I was sick seven years ago.

Well I want to know when and what month is yours and Cousin Henry's birthday; then I want to know if you raise any garden. I will send some nice yellow tomato seed; they don't have acid in them; I will send a few petals of a two colored chrysanthemum, then if you don't have them I will give you a sprout if I can keep them this winter. We went to see Allie and her husband last Saturday evening a week. They have a nice home; Allie would be so glad for you and Cousin Henry to come to see them. As my eyes are giving out I will have to close. Hope to hear from you as often as you can write, I am, with love to both always. Lou.

Added: Alene is now taking adjustments from a Franklin Doctor for a pain in her neck. She has lots to do, as Joan and her husband and baby are there for a few days; they have sold their store; they may go to the farm.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 16, 1951. Dear Cousins: After so much delay I will try to answer your most welcome letter; I am always glad to hear from both of you. The dark cloudy weather and my eyes are giving me so much trouble; I had to quit reading or writing in that cold snowy weather.

I will begin with Alene's trouble; both of her girls were here for the Xmas holidays; the oldest one lives in Houston, Texas. Joan and husband moved last Sunday to Chattanooga, Tennessee; it is a good ways from here; they did live at Woodburn; last year they sold their store before Xmas. Well did you have a nice time during the Holidays? We received a nice lot of Xmas Cards. Alene's girl, Charlie, that lives in Texas sent Attie and me enough nice goods to make us a tea towel and a handkerchief apiece. We went to Alene's to eat dinner with them; Joan and baby were there. Now I will tell you about Alene; she has been sick, her neck gives her so much trouble that she had to have about 15 adjustments by a Franklin Doctor. Then Joan had to have treatments from the Bowling Green Doctor; the baby was sick from cutting teeth; all are better now. Tell us where you spent Xmas; some had a sad time; several deaths here and so many killed in accidents; one thing that has happened





John Womack, Jane Caruthers Womack  
Cora Womack, Net Womack, Henry Womack,  
Mag Womack, Levi Womack

in Simpson County, one of my best neighbors had to have a cancer taken off of her breast; she is in bad shape and is taking X-Ray treatments every day at Bowling Green; the Doctor said she couldn't live very long; she will be 79 years old in February; she is my husband's first cousin. Well I read in the Macon County Times that Arlie Caruthers' brother died last week at Westmoreland; he was well to do; I will try to write them this week if my eyes get better. Arlie and Paton said Henry wrote his address and they never did find it. I will tell them it might be in that book he gave them, or will write it down for them. It is partly cloudy and windy today.

This is Wednesday, Jan. 17; the temperature is 57 degrees here. We are complaining with our feet. Oh how I do wish you both could see my cousin's girl that lives in Simpson County; had twin boys New Year's morning; they weighed a few ounces over five pounds each; she was 18 years old last June; her husband is 21 years old; they live close to her people and in the yard of his old home place.

To Cousin Henry: I received all your letters and cards; so glad you write me, even when you are in Court; it makes me know you are thinking of us. So glad that we had the great pleasure to know of you both; please don't think I will ever get tired of writing; for I have so much trouble with my eyes I have to write one day and finish the next; that doesn't hurt me like reading paper; I don't read very much; I get so much satisfaction out of reading letters from my friends and kindred.

I must tell you about Carlyle's hogs; he killed three for meat, and has 65 left over; some of them are pigs; then they have about 30 black Angus cattle; sixteen are calves; he has lots of work going on all the time. I don't go visiting in bad weather. I want to keep well, hoping and trusting I will live to see both of you several times; your visits will long be remembered by us both. All of us are glad to see letters and cards come from Missouri. Alene and Carlyle think so much of you and Cousin Corinne. I will close as it is getting cloudy. With love to both and to your children and grandchildren. Write soon, I will answer, Your cousins Lou and Attie.

March 21, 1951, Spring Day. Dear Cousins: I couldn't think of sending a card to you just with my name; I wanted to tell you about the cold bad weather we have had; in all we have had eight snows; one last Monday a week; another one last Monday; it is going away fast; temperature didn't go as low as the February sleet did; well it is cool here today. Hope all are well; we were almost sick last week; I have so much trouble with my eyes; I don't try to read as much as I did. I will try to write as I do like to get letters from my neighbors and kinfolks. Alene and Carlyle are well and today is Carlyle's forty second birthday, and he is gone to a cattle show a long ways off. Alene's Mother has stayed with her for three nights; her Mother lives in Bowling Green and works there. Well as Alene has come I will have to close my letter; she mails all my letters and brings our mail from the store; she brings the water from the well for us; I hear from Allie, my niece, nearly every week; she thinks so much of you and Cousin Henry. I will write more next time. I am nervous as I was sick last night; feel better today. Write when you can; I am always so glad to hear from you both. Hope to see you this year. With love to all; I think of you so often. Your Cousin, Lou. (This letter came along in same envelope with a nice Easter Card.)

## GENEALOGY OF BENJAMIN EVERETT CARUTHERS

The deed records of Perry County, Missouri, show that my Grandfather, B. E. (Benjamin Everett) Caruthers, acquired 123½ acres of land from James and Mary Ann Danielly by warranty deed dated March 14, 1864, and recorded June 6, 1867, for the expressed consideration of \$275.00, to which was attached a 50 cent revenue stamp. Later he acquired by "certificate" an additional 43½ acres, making a total of 167 acres, all in Perry County.

Benjamin Everett Caruthers was born Aug. 5, 1823, and lived in Middle Tenn., at or near La Fayette. He married Sarah D. Stewart, July 25, 1884. She was born June 3, 1823. He died Mar. 6, 1867. She died May 14, 1893.

Their children were:

- (1) John W. Caruthers, born April 28, 1845, died September 8, 1872; he married Sarah Nations; They had: (a) Savannah; (b) Alice. These girls married brothers, Andy and Ed Fender. All dead.
- (2) Emily Josephine Caruthers, born Oct. 5, 1846; married Joseph Johnson; They had: (a) Mary; (b) Etta; (c) Ellen; (d) Mattie; (e) Ulyses; (f) Lula; (g) Beatrice, (h) Maude.
- (3) Wm. Haywood Caruthers, born Nov. 7, 1848, died Mar. 3, 1867 of Typhoid fever at the age of 19. His father died Mar. 6, 1867, three days later of the same malady. Neither knew the other had died.
- (4) Mariah Jane Caruthers, born June 25, 1850; married John Womack. Their children were: (a) Cora; (b) Nettie; (c) Henry; (d) Mag (e) Levi.
- (5) James Wade Caruthers, born Mar. 18, 1852, died June 30, 1888. He married Sarah Elizabeth Counts, born May 23, 1855, died Oct. 24, 1889. Their children were: Clara Jane, born Dec. 12, 1877, died Oct. 30, 1878.

Joseph Henry Caruthers, born Sept. 11, 1879, married Corinne Cashion of Perryville, Mo., June 18, 1902. Live at Cape Girardeau, Mo., and have two children:



- (1) John Henry, born Mar. 14, 1907; married Anne Daub of Pittsburgh, Pa., on Oct. 8, 1932, live at St. Louis. They have one child, Robert D., born June 7, 1941.
- (2) William Lynn, born June 29, 1912, married Eileen Slinkard of Marble Hill, Mo., Oct. 27, 1937. Live at Cape Girardeau, Mo., and have one child, a daughter, Sharon Lynne, born April 20, 1941.

William Pinkey Caruthers, born July 7, 1881, married Ada Maud Norwine, of Flat River, Mo., June 7, 1911; live at Cape Girardeau, Mo., have two children:

- (1) William Clark, born April 27, 1913, married Ellen Frances Tatum of Kennett, Mo., Aug. 28, 1939, live at Rock Hill, St. Louis County, Mo., and have issue:— (a) Wm. Clark, Jr., born Nov. 17, 1947; (b) Sally Kay, born May 24, 1950; (c) Mary Gail, born May 17, 1951.
- (2) Miriam Lucille, born Apr. 20, 1918, married Robert Harold Downs of Bloomington, Indiana, Nov. 6, 1943. Live at Indianapolis, Ind., and have no children.

Annie Laurie Caruthers, granddaughter of B. E. Caruthers born July 18, 1883, married Bernard L. Wheeler of Louisville, Ky., Jan. 5, 1951. Live in Louisville and have no children.

Thomas Jefferson Caruthers, born Apr. 15, 1885, married Mary D. Kinder of Lowndes, Mo., Feb. 10, 1912. Live at Salisbury, Maryland. They have two children: (1) Mary Imogene born May 13, 1914, married Herbert E. Horton, live at Greensboro, N. C. Their issue: (a) Thomas Wade; (b) Margaret.

- (2) James Wade, born Mar. 31, 1917, married Gwynett Louise Thompson of Hinlock, Maryland, June 30, 1939. Live at Keene, New Hampshire; their issue: (a) David Wade; (b) Ellen K.

Benjamin Everett Caruthers, born Oct. 10, 1887; married Ora Beatrice Cashion, Oct. 24, 1912; the issue by this union was:

- (1) Lester Everett, born Jan. 15, 1914; married Jewel Evalyn Bishop, Sept. 14, 1938, live at Lanett, Alabama, and have two children; (a) Judith Ann, born Sept. 24, 1943; (b) John Everett, born Sept. 19, 1945.
- (2) Vera Evelyn, born Nov. 21, 1915, married Corder T. Brown June 14, 1941, and have two children; (a) Sarah Katherine, born Jan. 9, 1943; (b) Martha Elizabeth, born May 27, 1946.

Ora passed away Apr. 22, 1934. Thereafter on Nov. 22, 1939, Everett united in marriage with Christina Magill of Fredericktown, Mo., and to this union one child was born, named James William.

(6) Sela Ann Caruthers, born Dec. 17, 1854, died Aug. 12, 1891. Married Henry Nations: They had three children, two boys and one girl, Homer, Clara, and \_\_\_\_\_. (Have not been able to get his name).

(7) Nancy Amanda Caruthers, born June 29, 1856, died Dec. 13, 1924. She married John Johnson. Their children were: (a) Anna; (b) Henry; (c) Emma; (d) Will; (e) Jeff; (f) Hattie; (g) Ben; (h) Tony; (i) Lon;



Jefferson Stewart and his wife, Sarah Shoults Stewart. Children: Mary, Louisa, Alonzo, and Nick.

(8) Mary Clay Caruthers, born Apr. 12, 1858, died Feb. 4, 1917. She married Almetus N. Barks, and had two children, Howard and Leslie. Both dead.

(9) Joseph Henry Caruthers, son of B. E. Caruthers, born May 12, 1861, died Feb. 23, 1932. Married Rosella Sutton of Ironton, Mo., born April 4, 1874, living. They had the following children: (a) Charles Leslie, born Dec. 16, 1895, died Oct. 24, 1947. Married Ida Estelle Hines of Womack. They have (a) Velma; (b) Evalene; (c) Eileen.

(b) Frederick Allen, born Feb. 21, 1898, live at Fredericktown, Missouri; married Okah Ura Womack of Womack, Mo., have one child, Wilma.

(c) Mable Alice, born Aug. 3, 1900, married Ed Manson, June 12, 1931, and live at Vassar, Michigan; they have, Clara Mae, single; born June 8, 1933.

(d) Stella Mae, born Dec. 20, 1903, married Fred Lewis and live at Libertyville, St. Francois County, Missouri, on Farmington R. 3. They have one child, Donna May.

(e) Truston Wade, born Feb. 5, 1907; died May 6, 1928, never married.

(f) Clara Jewell, born Nov. 20, 1912; married Otto Stuebner Mar. 28, 1943, and live at Perryville, Perry County, Mo. They have no children.

## GENEALOGY OF JOHN CARUTHERS, BROTHER OF BENJAMIN EVERETT CARUTHERS

I have been unable, after considerable research, to discover a closer relative of Grandfather Benjamin Everett Caruthers, than a brother, John Caruthers, who lived on a farm in Kentucky, at or near Franklin, Ky.

His children were: (1) Benjamin, Nashville, Tenn., now dead. (2) Wm. Pressly; (3) Wesley; These two boys went to Missouri and settled at or near Neosho, Newton County. Both dead. (4) Byron Haywood, youngest child, Lafayette, Tenn. Died Jan. 4, 1923. (5) James Monroe, Lafayette, Tenn., Dead; (6) Matilda Agnes, married Mr. Spears, both dead; (7) Sarah Minerva, married Mr. Spooner, and went to Webb City or Joplin, Missouri; both dead. (8) Nancy, Married Mr. Stimson, and lived at Westmoreland, Tenn., both dead; (9) Cinthia Bethinia, married Mr. Law, Lafayette, Tenn. Both dead.

Wm. Presley Caruthers, had issue; (a) Benjamin, died in Mo. (b) William, died in Oklahoma; (c) Myrtle married a Mr. Hudson, died near Neosho, Mo.; (d) Eva, married Mr. Brickey and she is said to be living at this time at Neosho, Mo.; (e) Ada, married a Mr. Boone, died at Warrensburg, Mo., and had eight children; (f) Alice, married, but name and address was not obtainable.

(4) Byron Haywood Caruthers, married and had one child, Haskell Caruthers, now seventy-two years old, and lives at 121 Partgar Road, Bowling Green, Ky.

(5) James Monroe Caruthers son of John as above set out, lived near Lafayette, Tenn. He married Paradine Walton. They had these children; (a) Wm. Paton; (b) Louis; (c) Tom; (d) Luther; (e) Albert; (f) Harley; (g) Wade; (h) Chester; (i) Mahala; (j) Ida; (k) Hattie.

W. PATON CARUTHERS, now past 80 years old lives on a farm just over the line in Kentucky, near Lafayette, Tenn. He and his wife Arlie, have the following children: (a) Will Samuel, Westmoreland, Tenn.; (b) Mary Etta Caruthers Hire, Lafayette, Tenn.; (c) Eula D. Caruthers McClard, Lafayette (d) Ray



Clark, Lafayette; (e) James Leston, Lafayette; (f) Leota Mai Caruthers, Lafayette; (g) Hazel Gertrude Caruthers Bandy, Lafayette.

**MATILDA AGNESS CARUTHERS SPEARS** and her husband had the following children: (a) Lou Spears, whose family lived first at Franklin then Gold City and later at Salmon, all in Simpson County, Kentucky. She married George T. Mayhew, Jan. 30, 1890. He died July 10, 1932. They had no children. Cousin Lou now lives with her sister Attie Burnett, on Route 3, about 12 miles from Bowling Green, Ky., and about the same distance from Franklin, Ky., the county seat of Simpson County. (b) Attie Spears, married James Wood Burnett Nov. 21, 1869, now dead. They had one child, Roy Burnett, he drowned in 1915 while on a fishing trip and left his wife and a four year old girl named Alene. He married Lucy Evans who survives. (c) Delia Spears, married August E. Burnett, Sept. 11, 1895, a brother of James Wood Burnett. Now dead. They had three children; (a) Eula; (b) Allie; (c) Herbert, all living.

#### SOME IN-LAWS

James Mercer of Cumberland (?), Tenn., was born about the year 1827, and died in 1923. He married Mary Ann Stewart in Tenn., and they and their family came to Missouri at about the same time Benj. E. Caruthers and family arrived in Missouri. Mercer first settled in a community know as Cedar Fork, in Perry County and later acquired land near the present Post Office of Yount in the same County, on Whitewater Creek, and lived there until his death. He and Caruthers were brothers-in-law, they having married the Stewart sisters. Mercer had issue: (1) Elza; (2) Tennessee; (3) Mary Elta; (4) Simpson; (5) J. Foster; (6) Susie; (7) Nettie, a twin of (8) Zadie; (9) Emma; (10) Sarah; (11) Angeletta; (12) Jim; (13) Angela, who is living near St. Marys and gave me this information.

Jefferson Stewart, was a brother of the Stewart sisters above referred to. Jefferson married Sarah Shoults of Madison County, Mo., They had: (1) Mary; (2) Louisa; (3) Alonzo; (4) Nick; Louisa married a Mr. Watts, to which union one child, Roma, was born. Louisa and daughter live at Fredericktown, Mo. I have no information about the others except Mary married a Boyd.

J. Foster Mercer, born Oct. 8, 1854, a son of James, a nephew of Benj. E. Caruthers, a cousin and brother-in-law of James



Mrs. Lou Spears Mayhew

Wade Caruthers; married Lee Ann Counts, Nov. 25, 1877; she was born Nov. 23, 1859, a daughter of William D. and Mary Ann (Bess) Counts. This family lived on a farm adjacent to Whitewater Creek, near the old Whitewater Christian Church, (of which they were members) near the present Post Office of Yount, Perry County, Mo. J. Foster and his wife are both dead. They had: (1) Minnie born Aug. 8, 1878, married Albert Williams, Jan. 5, 1902, had one child, Clara, who is living. (2) Charlie, born Oct. 26, 1881, married Helen Leonard of Mus-wojee, Okla., and have one child' Charles; (3) Will, born Nov. 8, 1884, married Edith Radcliff. He is dead. No children; (4) Edgar, born Nov. 15, 1887, married Lillian Welland. He is dead. One child, Edgar; (5) Mary, born June 20, 1890, married Noah Nations Nov. 15, 1912, children: Leona and Catherine. They all live in Texas; (6) Lona, born Sept. 17, 1892, married Henry A. Johnson, July 29, 1914. They have; (a) Linn, Married Emma Wamble, no children; (b) Vernon, unmarried; (c) Mary, married A. B. McLennan of Louisville, Ky. They have Johnie and Lynne. (7) Ada, born Sept. 27, 1894, never married, dead. (8) Lee Ann, born Dec. 25, 1892, never married, dead. (9) Pearl Corinne, born May 28, 1900, married John Clifton, Dec. 19, 1918. They have: (a) Palmer, born Jan. 16, 1922, married Dorothy Blaylock and have a child, Yvonne Rae. (b) Lee Ann, born May 25, 1929, married Allen Presnell, June 25, 1950, no children; (c) Ada Mae, born May 13, 1932, married Rev. Donald L. Umsleet, Aug. 25, 1951.

# OTHER CARUTHERS OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

## GENEALOGY OF

### DAVID LOONEY CARUTHERS

Missouri Branch of Caruthers from David Looney Caruthers, son of Samuel Caruthers and Jane Looney, and grandson of Robert C. and Margaret Gillespie.

(Prepared by Dorothy Stark Caruthers, wife of Charles Chilton Caruthers, and filed in State Library, Capitol building, Nashville, Tenn.)

(3) David Looney Caruthers (born Nov. 30, 1795, died Feb. 10, 1844, married Mary Britton Feb. 13, 1817 in Smith County, Tenn., and removed to Madison County, Mo.

(4) Eliza Caruthers, born Nov. 18, 1818, married Duncan Arnett in 1840, died Sept. 21, 1898.

(5) John Milton Arnett (1841) married Bettie Valandingham.

(6) Rose, Valandingham, George, Jesse.

(5) Robert Caruthers Arnett, married Fanny Layman.

(6) Smith, Sam, Lester, Eugene, Alex.

(5) Luella Arnett married Ben McGraw.

(6) Beulah, Jenny, Lin, Claud, Sullivan, Albert.

(4) Samuel Caruthers, born Oct. 13, 1820, married Sophronia Smith in 1849. Was member of 33rd and 34th Congress, died in Cape Girardeau, Aug. 20, 1860.

(5) Annie Caruthers (1850) married a Mr. Phelps. (2 children)

(5) Smith Caruthers (1853) married Jenny Ridley. (2 children)

(4) Solomon DeBow Caruthers, born Feb. 25, 1823, married first Adelaine Shepperd (no children), second, 1849, Mary Jane Harris. He died Nov. 10, 1874.

(5) Elizabeth Caruthers (1851) married Charles C. Barroll.

(6) Mamie Barroll, married a Mr. Vail.

(6) Harry C. Barroll married ..... (California)  
Nellie Barroll married A. A. Anderson

(6) Edward C. Barroll married three times.



- (5) Amanda Caruthers (1853) married A. K. Harris.
  - (6) Edith Harris (1881) married R. M. Talbert.
  - (7) Elizabeth Talbert (1904). Robert Harris.
- (5) Edgar Pruitt Caruthers (1854) married three times but children all by first wife, Mary L. Flemming.
  - (6) Wirtie Caruthers (1877) married Paul Jones.
  - (7) Paul and another brother.
    - Albert Bowen Caruthers (1879) In Panama.
  - (6) Robert Looney Caruthers (1881) in California.
  - (6) Jessie Lucille Caruthers (1887) In Texas.
- (5) Samuel Harris Caruthers (1883) married Mary Chilton in 1877.
  - (6) Charles Chilton Caruthers (1883) married Dorothy Stark in 1913.
    - (7) Elizabeth Caruthers (1914)
    - (7) Dorothy Caruthers (1918)
  - (6) Samuel DeBow Caruthers (1894-1929)
  - (5) Charles Bowen Caruthers (1858-1864)
- (4) Elizabeth Caruthers (1825) married Geo. W. Nifong.
  - (5) Kate Nifong, married James Hill.
  - (5) Mary Nifong, married J. M. Blanks.
    - (7) Dr. Charles Lee Blanks (St. Louis).
  - (5) Lilly Nifong, married Wm. Oaks.
  - (5) George A. Nifong, married Kate Schulte.
  - (5) Birdie Nifong, married a Mr. Law.
- (4) Amanda Caruthers (1827) married Tom J. Nifong (brother of G. W.)
  - (5) Sam Nifong, married Addie Nicholson.
  - (5) Cyrus Nifong, married Mattie Spivey.
  - (5) Laura Nifong, married, first, Henry Chilton (my uncle) second, Ed. Anthony, by first marriage.
  - (6) Lillie Chilton, married first Ed Buckner,
    - (7) Mina Buckner. Lilly now married to E. P. Lamkin living in St. Louis. E. P. now dead (1950).
  - (5) Laura Nifong, (2nd marriage with Ed Anthony)
  - (6) Edith Anthony, married.
  - (6) Annie Anthony, married.
  - (5) Jesse Nifong married Alice Boswell.
  - (5) Sophronia Nifong married Dr. Golding.
  - (6) Irene Golding.
  - (5) Jefferson Nifong.
  - (5) Jenny Nifong.

- (4) Robert Looney Caruthers born Feb. 20, 1830 never married, died Jan. 20, 1853.
- (4) Jesse C. Caruthers, born Aug. 7, 1832, served through war, married Emma Swayze in Mississippi in 1866.
  - (5) Swayze, Henry Yandell and Jesse B.
- (4) Jane H. Caruthers, born Feb. 12, 1835, married Mark Anthony.
  - (5) Caruthers Anthony married in Ky.
  - (6) Wendell and Euna Anthony
  - (5) Kate Anthony (1860) married George Herzinger
  - (6) Eugene Herzinger (In Navy)
- (4) Abraham Caruthers, born Aug. 12, 1837, no family, died 1855.
- (4) LaFayette Caruthers, born Nov. 20, 1840, served through war and married Jenny Swayze, sister of Emma. (no children)
- (4) David Looney Caruthers, born Apr. 12, 1843, died in Federal Prison in War. (No family)

NOTE: By Dorothy Stark Caruthers—Strange the recurrence of the names Samuel and Robert in the line; think there are eight Roberts and six Samuels in my list. And these Missouri boys are nearly all duplicated in the Tennessee cousins. Makes it rather confusing to trace any of my generation.

A James Caruthers, (Carothers) came to the Cape Girardeau District from Kaskaskia\*, evidently prior to Nov. 1, 1803, as the Statistical Census of the District of Cape Girardeau under the above stated date listed him as a citizen of the District. He settled on Hubble Creek near the present village of Dutchtown and acquired land there. (Houck's "History of Missouri," pp. 185, 186, 187). He also lived in New Madrid in 1799. (Houck's "Spanish Regime in Missouri" Vol. 2, pp. 404, 409).

The Probate Court records of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, (File 882, Box 46) show that administration of the estate of James Carothers was begun in July 1806. Among the papers on file, such as claims and inventory, is a certified copy of pro-

\*Kaskaskia was in Illinois directly across the Mississippi River from St. Marys, Ste. Genevieve Co., Missouri, and about fifty miles from Cape Girardeau. It was a widely known and flourishing community, and was known as the "Paris" of the West, to which many emigrants came from the eastern states.

In later years the river channel shifted from the Missouri border to the Illinois bluffs a few miles northward. The town site was destroyed by the change and only the Island itself was left. Since then it has borne the name Kaskaskia Island.



Mrs. Attie Spears Burnett

ceedings in the Cabarrus County Court, North Carolina, in which the Sheriff is commanded to take and safely keep Solomon Spring, Administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of James Carothers, Dec'd. and have him before the Justice of our Court to be held for the County of Cabarrus at the Court House in Concord on the third Monday in July then and there to answer Francis Rope of a plea of trespass on the case, to his damage of 200 pounds. Issued by the Clerk on first Monday of Apr. 1805. The cause came on for hearing, the defendant called for a jury, 12 men were summoned and quali-

fied. After hearing the evidence the jury found for claimant in the amount of 30 pounds. This document was received and filed in the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau District, on Oct. 14, 1811. Claim was rejected July 1, 1812.

I am unable to explain and harmonize the dates of opening the Probate case in the District of Cape Girardeau, with the dates of the proceedings in the North Carolina Court. The significant point is that James appeared in Kaskaskia, and from whence he came there is no record. There is strong circumstantial evidence based on the Judgment filed in his estate in this District that he must have been a resident of Cabarrus County, N. C., before arriving at Kaskaskia, and thence to the Cape Girardeau District. The Statistical Census of the District of Cape Girardeau dated Nov. 1, 1803, listed James Caruthers (Carothers) as having a family of three.

The records of the Probate Court of Cape Girardeau County, (Box 95, Bundle 1775) show that the Inventory of the estate of James Caruthers was filed Sept. 21, 1878, recorded in Book "C", pages 239-242. He owned 560 acres of land in the area of what has long been called Hickory Ridge, in Welch Township, Cape Girardeau County, and left a fairly good estate for that period. He left three minor children, a daughter, Drucilla, age 13; Lafayette, age 14, and James Monroe, age about 9. Separate Guardians were ap-



pointed for each in the distribution and settlement of their father's estate. Nothing is shown about the wife and mother. Presumably she predeceased her husband.

There is a strong presumption that James Caruthers from Kaskaskia was the father of this latter James, the lapse of time between the two dates of filing their estates being seventy two years.

Soon after I came to Cape Girardeau to live in 1904, I met Lafayette Caruthers ("Lafe" as he was generally called) who was then a practicing lawyer. We often discussed our ancestors, but as I recall Lafe knew or remembered very little of his father's ancestry. Of course he did remember that their home was on Hickory Ridge, which he frequently mentioned. Lafe died several years ago. He never married. I met his brother Monroe a few times.

He was a Pharmacist and died in California Sept. 18, 1950. His wife, Elizabeth, passed away in 1945. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Drucille Fast of San Diego, Cal., and a son, James S. Caruthers of Long Beach, Cal., and a Granddaughter, Betty Jo Barks of Biloxi, Miss.

I have no evidence nor any claim by any one that these Caruthers families were related to my family.

There are other Caruthers in Southeast Missouri which I have heard of but have never come in contact with any of them.



Carlyle Miller  
Arlene Burnett Miller



Jin Caruthers  
Paton Caruthers

## PERSONALS

Cousin Lou Mayhew has been most helpful in supplying me with information about her grandfather (brother of my grandfather) and his descendants. She is a wonderful woman (now 84), intelligent, mentally alert, and a very interesting conversationalist, as her letters indicate. She is a fine upright Christian character.

Her sister Attie (now 82) assisted her in remembering names and dates relative to their numerous relatives. Cousin Attie is a good business woman and along with her grandson-in-law operates a large farm.

Corinne and I have developed a strong affection for these lovely sisters, and Attie's granddaughter, Alene and her grandson-in-law Carlyle.

We regret that we could not have made their acquaintance many years ago.

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In May last year (1950) my wife and I were in Nashville and had a delightful visit with Mr. Abe Caruthers and his brother Judge John Caruthers of Okmulgee, Okla., who was there on a visit. We found them to be very affable and interesting gentlemen, each typifying that well known Southern Gentility and hospitality. Their father was Col. William Allen Caruthers, a lawyer, and practiced at Hartsville, Tenn. Their grandfather was Judge Abram Caruthers who founded the law school at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., in 1847. It was a great pleasure to have this opportunity of making the acquaintance of these two distinguished gentlemen. Judge Abram Caruthers was a brother of David Looney Caruthers of Madison County, Mo.

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Cousin Attie Burnett's granddaughter, Alene Miller, is a cultured, charming young woman, mild of manner and speech, a



Seated: Ray Caruthers, Paton Caruthers, Arlie Caruthers, Leston Caruthers.

Standing: Will Caruthers, Eula Caruthers McCloud, Etta Caruthers Hire, Hazel Caruthers Bandy and Hazel's daughter, Sue Bandy.

delightful hostess, hospitable and generous; very kind and attentive to her grandmother Burnett and Aunt Lou Mayhew.

Carlyle Miller, her husband, is a very pleasant person, and is also quite attentive and kind to the two elderly sisters. He is an energetic and forward looking farmer and stock man, and operates as a partner the large Burnett farm of his wife's grandmother. His crops consist of Tobacco, Clover, Grain and hay. Has five barns, one for tobacco, one houses a large Hammer Mill, and the others house stock and machinery. He is well equipped with all kinds of necessary power machinery and employs seven or eight hands most of the year.

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My wife and I had a pleasant visit with Miss Christine Caruthers in her palatial home in Elkton, Ky., when on our way to Franklin, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., in May of this year. She is a very busy woman; operates a general Insurance Agency, a farm, and her large and magnificent home, built by her grandfather before the Civil War. Miss Caruthers is one of the two children born to Smith Caruthers and his wife, mentioned by Dorothy Stark Caruthers in her Genealogy of David Looney Caruthers of Madison County, Mo., which is on file in the State Library, Capitol Building, Nashville, Tenn. Her grandfather, Congressman Samuel



Caruthers, for whom the City of Caruthersville, Pemiscot County, Mo., was named, lived in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and erected the then imposing brick residence on Bloomfield Road, which was later acquired by Judge Frank Burrough for his residence, and is now owned and occupied by the two daughters and one son of Judge Burrough. Samuel died before the residence was fully completed, hence never had the opportunity of occupying it. I have not found a record or document or any person who claims to know of any relation between the B. E. Caruthers line and the Samuel Caruthers line of descendants.

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Several years ago in an exchange of letters with E. P. Caruthers, editor and publisher of the Dunklin County Democrat, Kennett, Mo., he expressed the opinion that all of the name who spelled it "Caruthers" were related to some degree. This opinion is supported by the fact that the two lines lived in the same general area of Northern Middle Tennessee, and adjacent Southern Kentucky.

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My wife and I have on two occasions in recent months had the opportunity to visit briefly at the home of Paton Caruthers and his family and found them all very pleasant and hospitable. They live on a farm in Kentucky near Lafayette, Tenn. Pate and I fell for each other right away. He suggested that he and I could "paint the town red" if we had the chance to get to town together, with which I agreed. When you observe the heavy suit of black hair on his head and the youngish appearance of his face and body and the youthful spirit he exhibits, you would never suspect his age to be past eighty. His wife, Arlie, is a kindly, jovial person and displays that well known Southern Hospitality. We greatly enjoyed our visits there.

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The family of my Uncle Joseph H. Caruthers states that they have heard him say on various occasions, that his father's family came from Clay County, Tennessee, after the birth of his sister, Mary Clay Caruthers, on April 12, 1858, and before his own birth on May 12, 1861. Celina is the County Seat. The deed records of Perry County, Mo., show that B. E. Caruthers acquired land in that County in or prior to 1864.



Mabel & Stella Caruthers,  
daughters of Joseph Henry & Rosella  
Sutton Caruthers

## CORDER T. BROWN

Corder T. Brown, son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. B. E. Caruthers of Farmington, Mo. died on Thursday, July 28, 1955, in the Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Texas, after an illness of a few weeks of heart disease.

He was 40 years of age.

He was born in Hays, Kans., a son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Ollie Brown, and was a graduate of Lawrence, Kan., college. He was married on June 14, 1941 to Miss Vera Caruthers of Farmington, who with their two daughters, Sarah, 12 and Martha, 9 survive.

He held a position as head of the Pollock Paper Co. Laboratory in Dallas.

Funeral services were held in Dallas on July 30th.

## VELVA A. (Cookie)

## HILLMANN

Velva A. (Cookie) Hillmann of Flat River, passed away Friday, February 29, 1980 at the Farmington Community Hospital at the age of 81. She was born October 1, 1898 in Leadington to the late Thomas Franklin and Ellen Victoria (Johnson) Dalton.

She was married to John A. Hillmann, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Calvin and Fines Dalton.

Surviving are two nephews; Arle Dalton of St. Louis and Norman Dalton of Lemont, Ill., two nieces; Yvonne (Mrs. Bill) Govero of Annapolis, Mo. and Darlene (Mrs. John) Stevens of Bonne Terre, Rte. Two.

Mrs. Hillmann was a member of the Flat River Church of Christ.

Services were Monday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m. at Caldwell Chapel in Flat River with Evangelist Bernie Crum officiating.

Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery under the direction of Caldwell Funeral Home.

## Christina Caruthers

Mrs. Christina Caruthers of Farmington passed away at Mineral Area Osteopathic Hospital April 11, 1978 at the age of 74. She was born Nov. 1, 1903 in Chrome, N.J. to the late William Magill and Christina (Thomson) Magill. She was also preceded in death by her husband, B.E. Caruthers.

Her survivors are: one son, James Caruthers of Wyoming; one step-son, Lester Caruthers of Alabama; one step-daughter, Vera Brown of Minneapolis, Minn.; one brother, Rev. Wm. T.

Magill, of Farmington; and seven grandchildren.

She will be in state after 3:30 p.m. today at the Miller Funeral Home.

Chapel services will be held Thursday with the Rev. Robert Brannon officiating.

Interment will be in the Christian Cemetery in Fredericktown under the direction of Miller Funeral Home.



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